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USDAO MONROVIA

COMNAVSURFLANT NORFOLK VA

USS CAPODANNO

CHINFO WASHDC

AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

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USDAO DAKAR

USDAO ACCRA

USDAO ABIDJAN

C O N F I D E N T I A L CONAKRY 0735

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PORT VISIT CONAKRY

REF: (A) CONAKRY 0706 (NOTAL), (B) USDAO

DAKAR 130825Z APR 76 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY IS DISAPPOINTED THAT DATT DAKAR WILL BE UNABLE TO ASSIST DURING SCHEDULED VISIT USS CAPODANNO TO CONAKRY MAY 21-23 (REF B). EMBASSY HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF CONCURRENT VISIT TO DAKAR OF SQUADRON FLAGSHIP ON SAME DATES.

2. EMBASSY CONAKRY WILL CLEARLY NEED PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE BEFORE AND DURING SCHEDULED SHIP VISIT DUE
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NOVELTY OF NAVAL VISIT TO CONAKRY, EXTRAORDINARY LACK OF

MATERIAL RESOURCES, AND PECULIARITIES OF POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT. UNDERSTAND THAT DATT MONROVIA HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR GUINEA; HOWEVER, APPRECIATE THAT HE ALSO WILL HAVE SERIOUS SCHEDULING PROBLEMS AT THAT TIME BECAUSE OF PORT VISIT MAY 25 - 27 TO FREETOWN, WHERE HE ACCREDITED AS ALUSNA.

3. REQUEST COMMENTS AND ADVICE OF CNO AND DIA. BEST SITUATION FOR ALL CONCERNED WOULD BE ASSISTANCE IN CONAKRY BOTH BEFORE AND DURING VISIT BY SAME EXPERIENCED NAVAL OFFICER WITH FRENCH LANGUAGE. COULD SUCH AN OFFICER BE MADE AVAILABLE BY US NAVY FROM WASHINGTON OR FROM SOME OTHER COMMAND?

4. DATT COL. WAGNER, ABIDJAN, IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY AMBASSADOR, HAS LANGUAGE CAPABILITY AND WOULD BE GOOD CHOICE ASSUMING HE IS FAMILIAR WITH NAVAL VISIT PROBLEMS. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT DATT ACCRA IS ARMA WHO HAS FRENCH LANGUAGE. WOULD THIS BE POSSIBILITY? ARE SHIP VISITS ALSO SCHEDULED THESE PORTS DURING MAY?

5. FOR USDAO DAKAR: VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR OFFER RENDER ASSISTANCE IN CONAKRY PRIOR TO MAY 17, AND FULLY UNDERSTAND YOUR NEED TO BE IN DAKAR AFTER THAT DATE. BEFORE SETTING DATES FOR YOUR VISIT, PREFER AWAIT RESPONSE TO THIS CABLE.

6. NEW SUBJECT. DATT DAKAR INFORMS EMBASSY (REF B) THAT WE MAY EXPECT FUEL SPECS WITH LOGISTIC REQUIREMENTS. WISH INFORM USS CAPODANNO AND ALL CONCERNED AT THIS TIME THAT NO REPEAT NO BUNKERING FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE CONAKRY. CAPODANNO MUST PLAN TO REFUEL ELSEWHERE. HOWEVER, ESSENTIAL THAT TIMING OF VISIT (MAY 21 - 23) NOT BE AFFECTED BY THIS SINCE WE ARE NOW LOCKED IN TO MAY 22 BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.
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